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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of)

ANGELO CECE, D.M.D.)

CONSENT ORDER

Licensed to Practice Dentistry)
in the State of New Jersey)

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a Report of Investigation from the Enforcement Bureau (Professional Boards) which disclosed that on or about January 30, 1990, Angelo Cece, D.M.D. signed and submitted a predetermination voucher with dates of service completed to Delta Dental Plan of New Jersey. Inc. on behalf of a patient, Brenda VonDunk, for dental treatment (upper and lower partial dentures) which was never performed; that the signature of Brenda VonDunk appearing on the predetermination voucher is not the genuine signature of the patient; that Dr. Cece failed to maintain a patient record for Brenda VonDunk as required by N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7; that Dr. Cece failed to provide all

information as demanded in a properly authorized and duly issued subpoena served on February 19, 1991; and that Dr. Cece made restitution to Delta Dental Plan in the amount of \$685.00 on behalf of Brenda VonDunk upon demand of the insurance carrier.

It appearing that Dr. Cece wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS // DAY OF JANUARY, 1993,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Dr. Cece is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 for his conduct in connection with the insurance claim for and on behalf of the patient Brenda VonDunk. The civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey to the State Board of Dentistry at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.
- 2. Dr. Cece shall cease and desist from the submission of any insurance claims on behalf of patients which are deceptive, misrepresentative of services rendered or of charges made, or contain any other false information.
- 3. Random and unannounced audits of Dr. Cece's patient records and billing records may be conducted by the Board's designees, at the Board's discretion and at Dr. Cece's expense for a period of one (1) year from the entry date of this Order.

On demand made, Dr. Cece shall immediately make available all records necessary to conduct the audit as determined by the Board or its designees.

4. Dr. Cece is hereby reprimanded and cautioned that more serious penalties will be imposed in the event subsequent complaints of a similar nature are filed against him.

Jerome Horowitz, D.D.S

President

State Board of Dentistry

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Angelo Céce, D.M.D.